

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Karl GUEGLER et al.

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

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Preliminary Amendment****OFFICIAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued on March 22, 2002 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-6, 8-11, and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-X.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-23 as being directed to non-elected subject matter or being made redundant by way of the amendments below.

Please amend claims 4 and 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;